

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, November 29, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative LaJoy, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland and Condino.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Tobocman.

Representative Casperson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2006, supported by Representative Byrnes. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Nitz made a motion to excuse absent member, supported by Representative Leland. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid HB 6663, SB 567, SB 568 and SB 1399 before the Committee.

HB 6663 LaJoy Transportation; carriers; hour limitations for driving solely within Michigan; revise.

SB 567 George Advertising; billboards; issuance of billboard permits; create moratorium.

SB 568 Gilbert Highways; signs; permits for billboards; revise procedures.

SB 1399 Johnson Vehicles; registration plates; use of in-transit repair plate; clarify.

Jill Costello, representing Senator George's office explained SB 567 to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

David Worthams, representing Senator Gilbert's office, explained SB 568 to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Bill Jackson, representing Adams Outdoor Advertising, and Tom Carroll, representing the Outdoor Advertising Association of Michigan, testified in support of SB 567 and SB 568. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Jackson also submitted written testimony.

Brad Williams, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, testified in support of SB 567 and SB 568. Questions and discussion followed.

Peter Steketee, representing Scenic Michigan, testified in support of SB 567 and SB 568. Mr. Steketee also submitted written testimony.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating support for SB 567 and SB 568, but did not wish to speak.

James Cliff, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.
Donna Stine, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Representative Pearce moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 567. The motion was supported by Representative Casperson.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-0.

Favorable Roll Call:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland and Condino,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Pearce moved to report SB 567 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion was supported by Representative Kathleen Law.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-0.

Favorable Roll Call:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland and Condino,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 567 reported out as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Pearce moved to adopt the substitute (H-3) to SB 568. The motion was supported by Representative Casperson.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-0.

Favorable Roll Call:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland and Condino,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Pearce moved to report SB 568 with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). The motion was supported by Representative Kathleen Law.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-0.

Favorable Roll Call:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland and Condino,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 568 reported out as substitute (H-3) with recommendation.

Dominick Pallone, representing Senator Shirley Johnson's office, explained SB 1399. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Shea, representing P. K. Contracting, testified in support of SB 1399.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating support for SB 1399, but did not wish to speak.

Sgt. Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police.

Mike Nystrom, representing Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association.

James Fackler, representing the Office of the Michigan Secretary of State.

Representative Moore moved to report SB 1399 with recommendation. The motion was supported by Representative Condino.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-0.

Favorable Roll Call:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland and Condino,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 1399 reported out with recommendation.

Representative LaJoy explained HB 6663 to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Mike Nystrom, representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, testified in support of HB 6663.

Sgt. Matt Bolger, representing the Michigan State Police, testified indicating a neutral position with amendments to HB 6663. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair, Representative LaJoy offered the following amendment to HB 6663.

1. Amend page 11, line 3, after “**VEHICLE**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**ACTIVITIES,**” on line 4.

Representative Nitz moved to adopt the amendment to HB 6663. The motion was supported by Representative Moore.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-0-0.

Favorable Roll Call:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland and Condino,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Casperson moved to report HB 6663 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). The motion was supported by Representative Pavlov.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-2.

Favorable Roll Call:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pearce, Anderson, Kathleen Law, Gleason, and Leland,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Byrnes and Condino.

HB 6663 reported out as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair LaJoy declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:10 a.m.

Representative Philip LaJoy, Chair

David Mead, Committee Clerk
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